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At a meeting held in Virginia [illegible] Nov 14th 1864 the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved

Whereas the Laws regulating Claims in mining districts in this [illegible] and Virginia District were [illegible] the Officers [illegible] within said district, Therefore, all Laws [illegible] regulating Claims [illegible] within the district are hereby annulled, and said [illegible] all Officers appointed under said Laws are hereby deprived of the power and authority conferred upon them by said Laws.

Resolved

That our action be done by voice.

Resolved

That we [illegible] the mining [illegible] in the Virginia District.

Resolved

That the Officers of this District consist of a Chairman, Secretary & Recorder. The duties of the Chairman [illegible] to preside at all meetings, & in his absence a Chairman pro tem. [illegible]
Secretary to keep a correct record of all business transacted at the several meetings in a Book kept for that purpose, and all meetings at the [illegible] 10 [illegible] [illegible] 4 [illegible] by 3 [illegible] and all amendments to the Laws be handed to the Recorder in writing for posting in his Books.

Resolved

That in the absence of the Secretary a Secretary Pro Tem shall be elected subject to the [illegible]

Resolved

That the Recorder [illegible] Books & copy [illegible] at all times [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Recorder in the performance of his duties be entitled to receive fifty cents, each, for the recording of any one Claim or deed, whether it be Lode, Gulch, Mining or any other, except a discovery the same to be recorded, but free from usual charge or tax.

Section 1st — All Lode Claims shall be 100 feet in length by 50 feet in width & may be laid in any direction.

Section 2nd

All Gulch Claims shall be 100 feet in length and in width to run from bank to bank.

Section 3rd

All Mill Claims shall be 300 feet in length running up or down the stream, creek or gulch, extending from bank to bank & ground sufficient for Mill & Mining purposes.

Section 4th

All Building Claims shall be 50 by 100 feet.

Section 5th Each Claim shall be designated by a stake with the name, number, date & direction of the Lode

Section 6th

Any person making one or more discoveries of Lode or Quartz Claim, shall be entitled to the same, and also a pre-emption, after having struck the Crevice, staked & recorded as herein prescribed by Law, and all claims whether by Discovery, Pre-emption, or otherwise, shall be holding as real estate

Section 7th

A person shall hold one pre-emption on each and every Lode, also one [illegible] Claim in Gulch, Mill & Building except by purchase,

Section 8th

Is hereby repealed,

Section 9th

Any person can purchase a Claim or Claims & hold as above specified & recorded

Section 10th

Any person having [illegible] had a claim shall hold good

Section 11th All persons holding Lode claims shall work it every ten days, or get the same recorded,

Section 12th

All persons purchasing claim or claims by money barter or otherwise are hereby required to have claim separately recorded within 6 days of the same, or forfeited signed by 2 witnesses, or attest

Section 13th

Any person or company may conduct water or tailings from a sluice, or tom across other claims so it be done without injury, or damage to such

Section 14th Claims

The right to vote upon matters relating to mining interests in this district, shall belong exclusively to miners residing or mining in said district.

Section 15th

Every dispute or difficulty respecting claims, or boundaries, not settled by the parties themselves shall be decided by a Jury of miners consisting of 6 or more, but an appeal may be taken from their decision to the miners of this district, and the decision of the miners shall be final,

Section 16th

This the Virginia District shall embrace within its Boundaries the following limits viz — to be bounded on the North by the branch ditch of the Consolidated Ditch company on the East by the summit of the mountain East of the Virginia Gulch on the South by [illegible] Bar District on the West the mines west of the Virginia Gulch

Recpus
Portage

Section 17th

The above code of Laws may be altered or repealed by a vote of 15 or more legal voters at any subsequent meeting a previous notice of 3 days or more first having been given

Wm Wallace Recorder A. J. [illegible] Chairman

Jno M. Glenn Secy

[illegible]

At a Meeting held in Virginia Gulch Dec 15th inst the following business was transacted,

Mr Joel P. Mann in the Chair
Meeting called to order & the Laws read,
Joel P. Mann then offered his resignation as President of the District, which was on Motion, accepted.

On Motion, Mr Milton McCraney was unanimously Elected as President.

Wm Wallace then offered his resignation as Recorder of the District, which was on Motion — accepted.

Motion that W. C. Avery act as Recorder of said District, on Motion he was unanimously Elected.

Motion, that the Recorder act in the capacity of Secretary, as required by Law, adopted.

On Motion, Sec 10th was so amended so as to read 6 days, in place of 10. — also to allow 25 days, to work and find the Crevice, or in either manner to move his stakes on Lode, the above amendments were so adopted.

On Motion, when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at the Recorders office, 2 weeks from above date it being Dec the 29th inst, at 10. O. Clock, as so adopted.

On Motion, it was moved to adjourn — adopted

W. C. Avery — Recorder
Secretary

Milton McCrany, President

Virginia District
December 15th 1860

Section 1st. Be it enacted by the Citizens of Virginia District in Convention assembled that the laws of Russells District as appear in the printed copies thereof adopted July 28th 1860 be and the same are hereby adopted and made the laws of this District except as hereinafter repealed & changed —

Sec 2d

Section 1st of said laws is hereby amended so as to read thus — that there shall be elected by the legal voters here assembled a Judge of the Miners Court & a Sheriff of the District who together with the President & Recorder of the District shall hold their respective offices untill the First monday in January 1861 unless they shall sooner die resign remove from the District or be removed from their offices for misconduct by the citizens of the District and on said 1st monday in January 1861 and annualy thereafter there shall be an election for the purpose of electing such officers who before entering upon the duties of said offices shall take an oath well & faithfully to perform the duties thereof according to the best of their ability the Recorder shall be ex officio Secretary & treasurer of said District —

Sec 3d

Section 9th of said laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows viz: the officers of said Court shall be the Judge Sheriff and his deputies and the attorneys of said Court regularly admitted as such

Section 4th

Section 33rd of said Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows upon the return day of the Summons if either party call for a jury who shall try the case whereupon the court shall issue a venire & summon six good & lawful citizens to act as jurors each party may have 3 peremptory challenges in which case the [illegible] shall summon tales man — the jury thus completed shall be sworn & the cause put in [illegible] laws is [illegible]

Section 5th, Sec 35th of Said laws is hereby amended so as to read thus.

If any person shall enter an appeal from a decision he shall give notice thereof upon the same day that the verdict was rendered either by giving notice in open court or by procuring the same to be entered upon the docket of the court and shall perfect his appeal within ten days by paying up all costs already accrued & by giving security in double the amount of the judgment rendered against him conditioned to abide & satisfy any future judgement & cost — Such appeal shall be to a jury of twelve whose decision shall be final

Section 6th

Sec fifty Six of said laws is hereby amended so as to read in 4th line ten miners instead of fifty miners" —

Section 7th

Section 4 - 7 - 14 - 15 - 34 - 36 - 60 of the said laws are hereby repealed —

Section 8th

Each Summons in the commencement of an action as provided for herein shall be served at least 3 days before the jury sit for trial —

Section 9th

They shall be exempt from levy and sale on execution in addition to the exemption provided by law one half of one mining claim to be selected by the debtor.

Section 10th

all voting shall be done by ballot —

Section 11th

the Sheriff shall execute all such process as may issue & directed to him from the miners court or other proper tribunal & for that purpose may if necessary summons to his aid any number of persons ? —

ection 12th - all existing laws of this District inconsistent with the laws here by adopted and hereby repealed —

Virginia District }
July 16th 1860 } Know all men by these presents
That N. J. Davis Claims 200 feet on the Mendota Lode 100 feet as a discovery & one 100 feet by 50 wide as a preemption running N. E. of discovery said discovery is on the divide between Virginia Gulch & Fall River & South of the Great Mammoth Lode

N. J. Davis

Recorded July 28th 1860

William Wallace Recorder
by P. E. Mann Depty

Virginia District }
July 17th 1860 } Know all men by these presents
that A. Taylor Claims 100 feet by 50 wide on the Mendota Lode being No. 2 N. E. of discovery

A. Taylor

Recorded July 28th 1860

P. E. Mann Depty Recorder

Virginia District }
July 17th 1860 } Know all men by these presents
that C. Birdsall claims 100 feet by 50 wide on the Mendota Lode being No 3 N. E. of discovery

C. Birdsall

Recorded July 28th 1860

P. E. Mann Depty Recorder

Virginia District }
July 17th 1860 } Know all men by these Presents that Thos. Hunt claims 100 ft by 50 wide on the Mendota Lode being No. 5 N. E. of discovery

Thos Hunt

Recorded July 28th 1860

P. E. Mann Depty Recorder

Virginia District
July 17th 1860 } Know all men by these presents that Wm Avery Claims 100 feet by 50 wide on the Mendota Lode being No 4 N. E. of discovery

Wm Avery

Recorded July 28th 1860

P. E. Mann Depty
Recorder